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PATENT
Docket No. 056990-010601**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS****Claims 1 – 66 (canceled)**

Claim 67 (currently amended): Components for use in an assay assembly for chemically analyzing a urine sample, the assay assembly comprising:

a container;

a backing;

a wicking;

at least one assay strip being in liquid transmittable contact with the wicking,

a base for the container having an opening, and a cover for sealing the opening of the container;

a front cover provided on the front surface of the backing for locating the assay strip to the backing;

the backing together with the front cover and the assay strip being located adjacent a wall of the container and extending from a position proximal to the top of the container to a position proximal to the bottom of the container; and

in use of the assay assembly, the container is in an upright position with a top through which urine is introduced into the container,

the components including a first portion of an assay strip and a wicking portion, the wicking portion having a lower portion proximal to the base of the container so that, in use, in the container having urine, the urine wicks ~~solely~~ up the wick portion until it reaches an overlapped portion of the wicking portion and the first portion of the assay strip ~~and thereafter flows upwards in the first portion of the assay strip,~~

wherein in use the action of the urine wicking ~~solely~~ upwardly along the wicking portion in an upward direction in the container from the base towards the top, and thereafter flows ~~upwards in the first~~ overlapped portion of the assay strip.

Claim 68 (currently amended): Components as claimed in claim 67 wherein the wicking portion is a lower portion proximal to the base of the container and a length extending up to the

assay strip, whereby the urine flow in the wicking is wicking solely-upwardly through the lower portion of the wicking material until it reaches the overlapped first portion of the assay strip.

Claim 69 (previously presented): Components as claimed in Claim 67 wherein the urine flow in the wicking consists of wicking up through the wicking portion until it reaches the overlapped portion of the wicking portion and the first portion of the assay strip.

Claim 70 (previously presented): Components as claimed in Claim 67, wherein in use, the first portion of the assay strip and the first portion of the wicking is located in an elevated position above the base.

Claim 71 (previously presented): Components as claimed in Claim 68, wherein in use, the first portion of the assay strip and the first portion of the wicking is located in an elevated position above the base.

Claim 72 (previously presented): Components as claimed in Claim 69, wherein in use, the first portion of the assay strip and the first portion of the wicking is located in an elevated position above the base.

Claim 73 (previously presented): Components as claimed in Claim 67, including a second portion of the assay strip joined to the first portion of the assay strip.

Claim 74 (previously presented): Components as claimed in Claim 68, including a second portion of the assay strip joined to the first portion of the assay strip.

Claim 75 (previously presented): Components as claimed in Claim 69, including a second portion of the assay strip joined to the first portion of the assay strip.